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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6953

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SUBJ: SPECIAL SELF-HELP FUND (SSH) FY 75

REF STATE 38454

1. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY RECORDS AS OF 24 FEB 75, WE HAD OBLIGATED \$34,250 OF TOTAL ALLOTMENT OF \$59,000. THERE ARE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION TOTALING ANOTHER \$49,550. HOWEVER NOT ALL OF THESE WILL BE APPROVED.

2. EMBASSY HAS UNDERTAKEN A THOROUGH REVIEW OF ITS SELF-HELP PROGRAM AND PROCEDURES. ADDITIONAL OBLIGATION OF FUNDS MAY BE DELAYED UNTIL MORE EFFICIENT PROCESSING AND SOME MONITORING PROCEDURES CAN BE WORKED OUT. (RECENT NEAR PARALYSIS OF DAHOMEAN GOVT HAS BOGGED DOWN PROCESSING OF MOST APPLICATIONS EXCEPT THOSE FOR SCHOOLS. EMBASSY HAS NEVER BEFORE HAD ANY MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS CALLING FOR ON-SITE INSPECTION.)

3. ON PROGRAMMING SIDE, WE INTEND SHIFT ORIENTATION MORE IN DIRECTION OF DEVELOPMENTAL PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED IN 1974 BY CONGRESS. THIS WILL REQUIRE DISCUSSION WITH DAHOMEAN GOVT, WHICH NOWADAYS IS A LONG AND SOMETIMES MADDENING PROCESS IN ANY CASE WE ARE MINDFUL OF ALLOCATION MANAGEMENT DEADLINES AND WILL GAUGE OUR EFFORTS ACCORDINGLY. WE EXPECT TO MAINTAIN THE PACE OF OBLIGATION, AND LEAVE NOTHING FOR TRANSFER TO THE "ALL OUT FUNDS", UNLESS DAHOMEAN GOVT, WHICH IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY HOSTILE TO THE UNITED STATES, PROVES INSUFFICIENTLY

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